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1. Up to 25 November 1951, the Prinz Eugen Kaserne on Emil Hartmann Strasse, Rudolstadt (M 51/J 54), quartered about 80 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia, and about 50 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Troops were observed engaged in drill in small groups and record practice with rifles and machine guns. Hardly any movements of vehicles and troops were seen during the period from 16 to 25 November. Vehicles [REDACTED] It was rumored among the local population that the troops would vacate the installation.

2. Between 2 and 5 November, only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen in the Flak Kaserne on Schaalaeer-strasse. No training activity was noticed. Vehicles identified at the installation [REDACTED] 25X1C, were [REDACTED]

25X1C 25X1C [REDACTED] The only soldier observed in the installation between 16 and 22 November was the guard at the gate.

3. The revenue office on Schwarzburger Strasse was vacated by military personnel during the week from 15 to 20 October 1951 and was allegedly to be placed at the disposal of the German finance authorities. *

4. The following documents were found at the Prinz Eugen Kaserne on 2 November 1951:
 a. A torn fragment of a sheet of note-paper, bearing the headline "plans for athletic games and political rallies on holidays of Captain Kosheya's unit."
 b. Fragments of a strength report of 6 April 1951 by one 1st Company, stating that the company had an authorized strength of 56 men, including 36 EM. The report failed to specify the number of officers and NCOs.
 c. A sheet from a note-book bearing the following ballistic data on the 57-mm AT gun:

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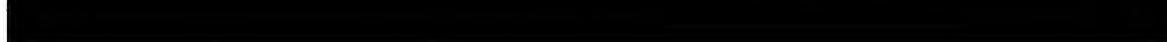
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Muzzle velocity of a fragmentation shell:	700 meters per second
Muzzle velocity of an armor-piercing tracer shell:	990 meters per second
Muzzle velocity of a subcaliber shell:	1,270 meters per second
Maximum powder-gas pressure:	100 kg per square cm
Maximum range:	8,400 meters
Weight of shell with bursting charge:	3,110 grams
Weight of bursting charge:	1,500 grams
Caliber:	57 mm
Length of barrel from breechblock to muzzle:	4,159 meters or 73 calibers
Number of grooves:	24 (some words torn off)
Recoil fluid in recoil brake:	4.40 liters
Normal length of recoil:	970 to 1,060 mm
Maximum length of recoil:	1,103 mm
Length of gun, excluding limber:	6 meters
Length of gun, including limber:	11.36 meters
Width of gun with closed split-trail carriage:	1,903 mm
Height of gun:	1,370 mm
Tread of gun:	1,400 mm
Road clearance of gun:	340 mm
Diameter of gun wheel:	845 mm
Width of tires:	165 mm
Weight of gun barrel with breechblocks:	340 kg

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* [REDACTED] Comment. With the exception of one vehicle of the 45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Ltz Rifle Div, the present report mentions no vehicles and heavy weapons of the division's components which have been carried in Rudolstadt to date. Contrary to most of the other divisions whose return movements from troop training grounds to their home stations have been reported, no information has been received on the return of components of the 39th Gds Ltz Rifle Div to Rudolstadt and Saalfeld from the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. In addition,

25X1C the [REDACTED] the division headquarters, which was previously located in the revenue office of Rudolstadt, was confirmed in Ohrdruf as the consignee of fuel shipments as late as 3 November. According to these circumstances and in conjunction with the present report and a report by the same source from Saalfeld it is possible that the majority of the division's components from Rudolstadt and Saalfeld may have remained at Ohrdruf, and that the rear details from those posts also rejoined their units in Ohrdruf. See [REDACTED]. On the other hand, the 112th Gds Ltz Rifle Regt was confirmed by its [REDACTED] as still in Plauen on 12 November 1951. No information has been received on the 117th Gds Ltz Rifle Regt in Meiningen since the beginning of September 1951. All but one

25X1C of the [REDACTED] mentioned in the present report indicate the presence in Rudolstadt of headquarters units of the XXVIII Gds Ltz Rifle Corps from the Reuss Kaserne, Gera, in November. They include the corps' 53d Sig Bn. Compare with a report on further reassessments of posts in Thuringia. See [REDACTED]

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